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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE NEWS AGENCY COMMENTS ON SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE

1. IN SPECIAL COMMENTARY, PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 14  
NOTICIAS, THE MOZAMBIQUE NEWS AGENCY (AIM) FINDS CAUSE  
FOR CONCERN IN DESIGNATION OF CYRUS VANCE AS SECRETARY  
OF STATE. AIM CITES TWO REASONS: FIRST WAS STATEMENT  
ALLEGEDLY MADE BY VANCE AT MAY 1976 PRESS CONFERENCE  
THAT "THE U.S. SHOULD GO TO WAR TO ASSURE THE SOVEREIGNTY  
OF ISRAEL AS A STATE" (AIM CONTENDS THIS IS CONTRARY  
TO CARTER'S POSITION); SECOND IS FACT THAT VANCE HAS  
BEEN PRAISED BY "VERY REACTIONARY" ELEMENTS IN U.S.,  
E.G. ADMIRAL ZUMWALT.

2. ACCORDING TO AIM, "EITHER CARTER DOES NOT KNOW CYRUS  
VANCE, OR THE LATTER HAS CHANGED HIS POSITION SINCE MAY,  
OR ELSE THE CAMPAIGN OF CARTER DID NOT REFLECT WHAT HE  
REALLY THINKS." AIM SAYS IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE  
WHAT VANCE WILL DO. "WE KNOW KISSINGER VERY WELL AND  
WHAT HIS ROLE WAS. DON'T TELL US NOW THAT WE ARE GOING  
TO MISS HIM."

3. THIS IS VANTAGE AID: PRESSURE THE WORST ABOUT THE U.S.,  
AND PUBLICIZE IT.

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